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FOR BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP EG US

SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA

REF: STATE 44493

1. APPRECIATE POSITIVE DECISION ON ALEXANDRIA. ALTHOUGH I CONTINUE BELIEVE A CONSULATE WOULD SUFFICE, I TOO HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A CONSULATE GENERAL. IN THIS CONNECTION, I NOTE EGYPTIANS HAVE NAMED CONSUL GENERAL TO NEW YORK. I HAVE INFORMED FAHMY OF OUR READINESS TO REOPEN SMALL CONSULATE GENERAL. HE GAVE IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT.

2. PRINCIPAL MISSION OF REOPENED ALEXANDRIA CONSULATE GENERAL, AS I SEE IT, WILL BE A. MONITOR SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND ALEXANDRIA AREA, B. PROVIDE NEEDED CONSULAR SERVICES, AND C. PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE MODEST INFORMATION PROGRAM CONDUCTED, BUT I GATHER USIA IS NOT ANXIOUS TO DO SO AT THIS TIME.

3. PROPOSED INITIAL STAFF OF CONSUL GENERAL, VICE CONSUL AND COMMUNICATIONS/FILE TRAINED SECRETARY IS AGREEABLE. SHOULD REPORTING EXPERIENCE SUGGEST AUGMENTATION IS NEEDED, I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT THIS IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

4. AS YOU KNOW,CONSULATE GENERAL WAS BADLY DAMAGED IN  
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1967. ESTIMATE IS IT WILL TAKE FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS TO

PUT INTO SHAPE. SINCE '67 HOWEVER, WE HAVE USED A  
LEASED BUILDING AS OFFICES FOR SMALL THREE-MAN LOCAL  
CARETAKER STAFF WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT THERE. MY  
ADMIN OFFICER TELLS ME THESE LEASED FACILITIES SHOULD  
PROVIDE ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE FOR PROPOSED INITIAL  
AMERICAN STAFF. CONSUL GENERAL'S HOUSE IS ALSO AVAILABLE  
ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

5. I WOULD BE READY REOPEN ALEXANDRIA WHENEVER NEEDED  
PERSONNEL IS AVAILABLE.  
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